

PARLEY WILL DECIDE QUESTION OF THRACE

Fate of Turkey in Europe to Be Settled by Venice Conference.

FRENCH POLICY IN DOUBT

British Demand for Freedom of the Straits Likely to Be Upheld.

PARIS, Sept. 9.—Responding to the invitation of the Italian Government for a conference to be held at Venice for deciding preliminaries for peace in the Greek and Turkish conflict, the French Foreign Office to-day informed the Italian Charge d'Affaires that France could not give a decision on the invitation before next week, and that the allied powers presumably would be represented at the conference.

At the conference France will insist that Turkey be permitted to remain in Constantinople. It was strongly indicated in official quarters here to-day, France will support the British demand for the freedom of the straits and the internationalization of Constantinople, but the French view is that the Sultan must be given a certain amount of territory on the European side of the straits.

Whether or not France will contend that Turkey is entitled to hold all of Thrace is not known, but it seems certain that the whole question of the future position of Thrace will be brought up at the conference. One suggestion being discussed in diplomatic circles is that Turkey be given all territory, excluding of course the city of Constantinople itself, up to the line laid down in Thrace by the Treaty of Sevres.

All questions regarding an armistice have become matters of direct negotiations between the Turks and the Greeks. It was said in official quarters, although France has joined the other Allies in suggesting the immediate cessation of hostilities.

All the foreign Consulates in Smyrna are now under the protection of Allied forces, according to messages received in official quarters. This is due to the fact that the Greek military in the city is so disorganized that it is unable to assume this work. Additional French and other Allied warships arrived off Smyrna to-day, and it is believed the Allied Powers, with the two American destroyers in port, will be able now to cope with the situation.

The arrival at Smyrna of the advanced Turkish cavalry is expected at any time, according to unofficial advices reaching Paris to-day.

TWO U. S. DESTROYERS ARRIVE AT SMYRNA

Greek-American Delegation Appeals to Harding.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—Arrival of the destroyers Litchfield and Simpson at Smyrna was reported to the Navy Department to-day. The destroyer Parrott has returned to Constantinople, the advices said.

President Harding was urged to-day in a written appeal left at the White House by a delegation of Greek-Americans to arrange on behalf of the United States for a settlement of the questions at issue between Greece and the Turkish Nationalists now at war in Asia Minor. The group, which was accompanied to the White House by Senator King (Dem., Utah), also called at the State Department to present their appeal to Acting Secretary Phillips.

The delegation also requested that the American Government immediately take steps to protect the Christian population of Asia Minor, declaring that more than a million Christians soon will fall under the control of the Turks and that the total extermination of Christians in Asia Minor is threatened.

POLICE EXPECT RIOTS IN PARIS STREETS TO-DAY

Prohibit Parade of Communists Who Oppose Treaty.

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PARIS, Sept. 9.—That there will be an attempt at rioting in the streets of Paris to-morrow is considered inevitable. The police last night prohibited a mass meeting and parade of young Communists, which were announced as a protest against the Government's attitude toward the Versailles treaty and the alleged "slaughter of innocents" in connection with the Havre strike. Usually when the police prohibit parades or mass meetings by radicals this is followed by a noisy reunion outside the city's gates, but the Communists have decided that this time they will try force.

In an appeal to all syndicated labor not to allow the police to menace or frighten them, all the Communist organizations in the Department of the Seine at the same time pledge their united support to the young Communists if the police interfere. As a result the Prefect of Police has asked for maximum reinforcements from the republican and municipal guard and orders have been given to hold large infantry detachments in readiness.

STATE PRODUCING ONLY HALF OF FRUIT USED

California Sends Other Half With Season at Height.

A statement issued yesterday by the State Department of Farms and Markets said that in spite of the fact that it is very near the height of New York State's fruit producing season, California is sending almost as many carloads of fruit into New York city as are coming in from other parts of this State. Last week's receipts of fruit from the Western State were 671 carloads, compared with 669 carloads from New York State.

The New York State peach season is expected to reach its height in another week. Shipments are increasing rapidly and the crop is so large this year that prices should be low. Yesterday the best Elberta from western New York sold wholesale at 45 to 55 cents a quart, but on the fruit stands the cost is 7 and 10 cents for one small peach.

WINS AIRPLANE RACE AT 136 MILES AN HOUR

F. L. Barnard First in King's Cup Competition.

CROFTON, England, Sept. 9.—F. L. Barnard, piloting a biplane entered by Samuel Instone, won the King's cup to-day after a thrilling race, in which he reached a speed of 136 miles an hour. P. Rynham was second and A. J. Johnson was third.

TURKISH CAVALRY OCCUPIES SMYRNA

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railroad from Cassaba to Smyrna continues to operate. Trains bring in the wounded, who are being embarked on Greek ships with a certain degree of order. It is learned here. The steamer Iperochi left for Piræus with the Governor of Smyrna on board, accompanied by all the officers of the High Commission. The archives of the Government were also placed on the steamer.

Gen. Doumantis, the new commander in chief, as soon as he arrived in Smyrna, began the task of evacuating the Greek detachments shaken by the Turkish onslaught. It is the Greek commander's intention to reserve the loyal forces fresh from Thrace for the defense of the city.

H. C. Jacquith, director of the Near

East Relief, and Major Charles Clafin Davis of Boston, commissioner for the American Red Cross, left to-day for Smyrna aboard the U. S. S. destroyer Lawrence on a mission of relief to 300,000 terrified Greeks and Armenians who fled from the interior to Smyrna. Director Lawrence took considerable emergency supplies, including bread, flour, canned milk and meats.

ATHENS, Sept. 9 (Associated Press).—Smyrna is being bombarded by the Turkish Nationalists. Nine airplanes from the Greek naval base there arrived here this morning, the airmen telling of their departure from the city under artillery fire.

As they left the Smyrna airdrome an enemy shell damaged a tenth plane which was just leaving the ground. The machine was unable to continue and the aviators were ignorant of the fate of their comrades.

Smyrna is being evacuated amidst scenes of great disorder, according to refugees, 2,300 of whom have arrived here. Panic reigns as the Turks approach the town. It is declared, and

Greek soldiers are contending with the civilians for places on the outgoing ships.

Rioting is reported among the troops in the Bursa sector in the north, where the Greeks are embarking at Mubania, on the Sea of Marmora.

M. Kalogeropoulos, the Premier designate, is expected to present the names of his ministers to King Constantine to-night.

"The only program we have is to try to extricate the country from the present critical situation," he declares. Gen. Hadjanestis, former commander in chief in Asia Minor, who was succeeded by Gen. Tricoupi, now a prisoner of the Turks, has arrived in Athens incognito. He is quoted as declaring:

"The defeat of our army was inevitable and fatal. I will speak when the moment arrives and show that I was not responsible for the defeat. My advice and suggestions were not acted upon."

Troops of the Greek southern army, who were concentrated to the north of Mudania and Pendera, began embarking to-day for the islands of Chios, Samos and Mitylene, in the Aegean Sea, according to advices from Asia Minor.

Foreign Minister Baltazas visited the British, French and Italian Ministers this afternoon urging them to take steps for the relief of refugees in Asia Minor. Smyrna, Sept. 8 (Associated Press).—The Greek fleet left Smyrna Harbor this afternoon. The Greek Commissioner of Police planned to embark to-night.

The Allies will probably occupy the town to-morrow. Allied and American attachments were landed at noon to-day from the war ships for the protection of the foreign population. Naturalized Americans have been instructed to leave the town. Turkish Nationalist vanguards have been reported fifteen miles from the city.

Predict Turks Will Be Checked.

PARIS, Sept. 9 (Associated Press).—The Greek army, which is rallying to defend Smyrna is loyal and its morale is good, according to Greek official circles, where every confidence is expressed that the Greeks will hold on until the orderly evacuation of the city is completed, although there is no claim made that the Turks can long be kept out of Smyrna. This Greek army, official dispatches

say, is on the Sevres treaty line, in the Smyrna district, where it is in position to hold its ground, while other Greek forces, contrary to Turkish reports, are still occupying Bursa. Smyrna itself is reported to be calm and in reasonably good order, instead of in chaos.

The Greek navy, a part of which is in the Bosphorus and a part off Smyrna, will not participate in the fighting because every Anatolian port, the Greeks say, has a large Greek population, so that the navy cannot safely shell the coast.

Demobilization of the Greek army will take place immediately after the complete evacuation of Asia Minor, only the two younger classes being retained under arms, according to Athens advices to the Havas Agency.

The police are said to have ordered the closing of all music and dance halls in the Greek capital.

500,000 Refugees in Ports.

LONDON, Sept. 9.—The number of refugees who have arrived from the interior at various ports in Asia Minor, including Smyrna, is estimated at

500,000, according to information obtained by Reuters. The condition of the refugees is said to be pitiful.

Meanwhile, little is known as to what is actually happening in the Greek capital, and many rumors are afloat. King Constantine is said to have hurriedly summoned Crown Prince George from Bucharest, and the inference in some quarters is that he may be contemplating abdication.

BAR RICHARD CROKER FROM FATHER'S GRAVE

Solicitors of Widow Refuse Him Permission.

DUBLIN, Sept. 8.—Richard Croker and his wife were not allowed to visit the grave of his father, the former Tammany leader, in Ireland, and they have returned to London without seeing it. Mr. Croker on his arrival here would not comment on

whether or not he had seen his father's grave, but the information has reached here that all his efforts to do so failed.

First of all the gates to the estate were closed to visitors and guarded when the son arrived on Tuesday. He telephoned to the widow's solicitors and asked for permission to make a brief visit to the grave, explaining that he did not have the opportunity to attend the funeral. The solicitors replied that they did not have the authority to grant the request. Friends then telephoned to the widow, who refused to come to the telephone, but sent a message that the son must see her solicitors, whereupon the son gave up the attempt and returned to London. He expects to sail for New York in a few days.

HONDURAN REBELS FLEE.

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Sept. 9.—Re-enforcements are being sent toward the Nicaraguan frontier, where new fighting has broken out between the troops and forces of rebels. The rebels are said to have been defeated and are now being pursued.

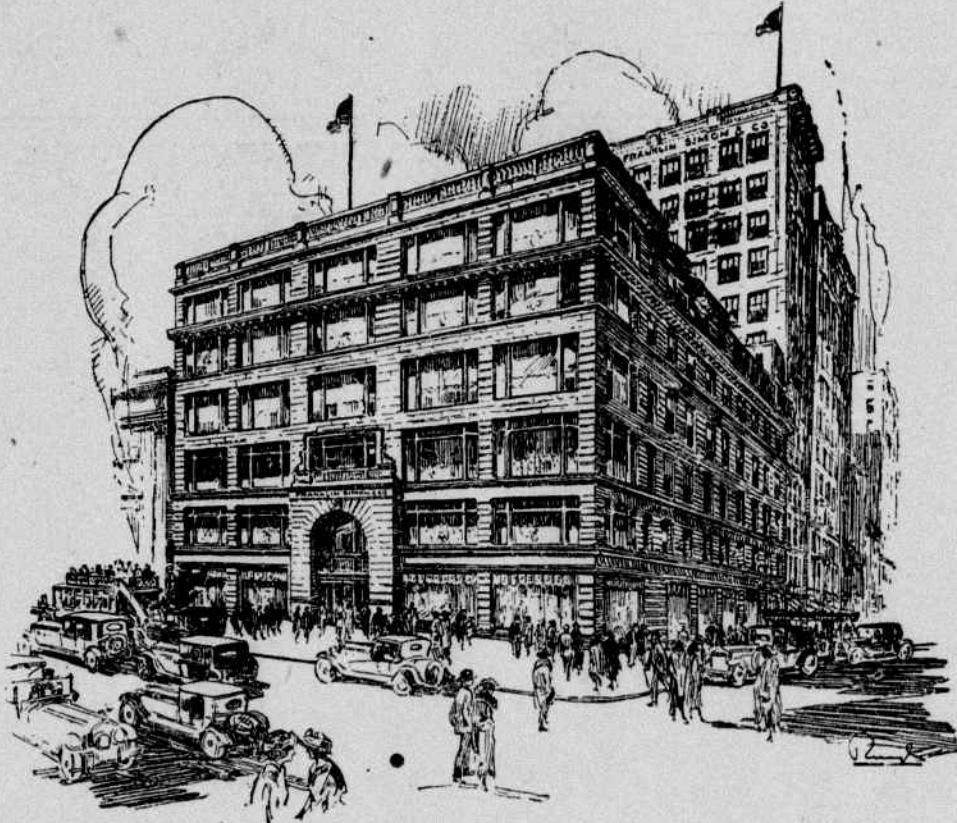


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